REMARKS

Independent claims 16, 21, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Microsoft Internet Explorer. The examiner argues that the display of the status bar at 203 discloses automatically, transiently displaying the other bar only for so long as the information included on the other bar is valid. Office action, pages 2 and 5. This argument is respectfully traversed because the item 203 (Figure 4) is not the Internet Explorer status bar.

The Internet Explorer (IE) status bar may include information such as the zone for a current Web page or a lock icon for a secure Web site. See Internet Explorer Help, Contents and Index, "Understanding security zones" and "Using secure Internet sites for transaction", Internet Explorer copyright ©1995-2001 Microsoft Corp., version 6.00.2800.1106, attached (Appendix A). Thus, per IE, the status bar may include several features, which implies that the status bar is not just the item at 203. See, e.g., Figure 4. Also, when a user selects or deselects "Status Bar" on the "View" menu, the status bar is shown or hidden respectively. For example, deselecting "Status Bar" hides the status bar from the left by "Done" to the right by "Internet." See Figure 4. There is no dispute that if displayed, the status bar (as is used by IE) remains displayed after loading a web page. Accordingly, because a displayed IE status bar is persistently displayed, prima facie anticipation has not been established. Reconsideration of the rejection of the independent claims and claims dependent thereon is requested.

In view of the remarks herein the application is now in condition for allowance and the examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0528US).

Respectfully submitted,

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